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LEON

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SUBJ: TRADE OPPORTUNITY: NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, REMERSCHEN

REF: LEON VISIT, SEPTEMBER 17, 1975

1. TWO WEEKS OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT PLANNED FOR THE SMALL TOWN OF REMERSCHEN ON THE MOSELLE RIVER WERE HELD IN SEPTEMBER. THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOW HAVE TO PREPARE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED, PARTICULARLY ON THE ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT AND SAFETY. THIS IS ALL IN KEEPING WITH THE SEQUENCE WHICH WOULD SCHEDULE A FINAL GOVERNMENT DECISION IN THE LUXEMBOURG CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES IN MARCH/APRIL 1976.

2. A FOLLOW-UP VISIT BY ECON OFFICER TO JEAN HOFFMANN, GOL COMMISSIONER, ENERGY OFFICE, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY, CONFIRMED THE COMMERCIAL ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT. SENU (LUXEMBOURG COMPANY FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY), A PARTNER-SHIP OF THE GOL AND THE GERMAN FIRM RWE (RHEINISCH-WEST-FAELISCHES ELEKTRIZITAETSWERK AG.), GAVE A LETTER OF INTENT IN MID-JUNE 1975 TO A CONSORTIUM OF BROWN BOVERY AND BABCOCK-WILCOX. BROWN BOVERI (THE GERMAN SUBSIDIARY OF THE SWISS FIRM) WILL HANDLE ALL ELECTRICAL WORK, TURBINES, ETC., WHEREAS BABCOCK-WILCOX (A JOINT GERMAN SUBSIDIARY
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OF BROWN BOVERI) AND THE US PARENT FIRM OF BABCOCK-WILCOX,

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IN WHICH THE US PARTICIPATION IS 65 PERCENT) WILL HANDLE
ENGINEERING FOR THE REACTOR. SENU HAS OVERALL MANAGEMENT
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROJECT, BUT ALL EQUIPMENT
DECISIONS, PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS WILL BE HANDLED BY
THE BROWN BOVERI/BABCOCK-WILCOX CONSORTIUM. INVESTIGATION
OF POSSIBLE TRADE OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICAN FIRMS IN US
OR IN EUROPE WILL HAVE TO BE VIA THE CONSORTIUM MEMBERS
OR PERHAPS VIA BABCOCK-WILCOX IN THE US.
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